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1. ON DECEMBER 20 EMBASSY ECONOMIC MINISTER CONVEYED THE CONTENT OF REFTEL TO CUVILLIER, THE MOST SENIOR RESPONSIBLE OFFICER IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WE PARTICULARLY STRESSED THE STRONG WHITE HOUSE EFFORTS REGARDING THIS PROBLEM. CUVILLIER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION AND ASSURED US THAT IT WOULD BE PASSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD EXPEDITIOUSLY. WE HAVE ALSO ADVISED THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PRIVATE OFFICE DIRECTLY.

2. CUVILLIER SAID THAT, WHILE THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WAS ALREADY AWARE OF MUCH OF THE BACKGROUND, OUR VERSION OF EVENTS SURROUNDING THE PORT AUTHORITY'S ADOPTION OF THE NEW NOISE RULE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL
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INSIGHT -- ESPECIALLY THE APPARENT LINK BETWEEN THE BOARD'S ACTION ON THE NOISE RULE AND ITS AGREEMENT TO DROP THE SUPREME COURT APPEAL ON THE KENNEDY TRIAL PERIOD.

3. ON A PERSONAL BASIS, CUVILLIER SAID HE IS PLEASED THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME HOPE THE PORT AUTHORITY

WILL RECONSIDER ITS DECISION. THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
NEVERTHELESS CONTINUES TO TAKE A VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF
THE MATTER. HE ADDED THAT THIS LATEST DEVELOPMENT MAKES
IT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT THE PROPOSED FEDERAL RULE
TAKE ACCOUNT OF FRENCH PREOCCUPATIONS. HARTMAN

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